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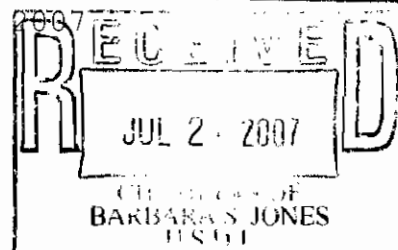
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**BY HAND**

The Honorable Barbara S. Jones
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 620
New York, New York 10007

Re: **Altam v. Chertoff**, 07 Civ. 3853 (BSJ) (JCF)

Dear Judge Jones:

I am the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to represent defendant (the "Government") in this action. I write respectfully to request an adjournment of 30 days of the Government's time to respond to the petition. The petition seeks to have the Government issue a decision concerning petitioner's application for naturalization.

On July 18, 2007, however, the Government issued its decision, which denied petitioner's application for naturalization. As a result, the petition is moot. The parties anticipate submitting a stipulation of dismissal this week, but the Government's answer to the petition is currently scheduled to be due July 23, 2007. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests an adjournment of its time to answer. This is the Government's first request for an adjournment, and petitioner consents to this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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Application granted. The Government's response to the petition is due on or before August 24, 2007.

SO ORDERED
Dated: 7/27/07 Barbara S. Jones
BARBARA S. JONES
U.S.D.J.